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## Kentucky Blood Center and The Milk Bank Announce Partnership

KBC will serve as Milk Depot site, with four locations accepting donations October 4

Kentucky Blood Center is pleased to announce a new partnership with The Milk Bank, a nonprofit improving health outcomes for premature and ill infants. Starting Monday, October 4, 2021, four KBC locations will begin serving as Milk Depot locations where approved donors can drop off donations of frozen breast milk.

Donated milk is transported to The Milk Bank in Indianapolis to be pasteurized and distributed to NICUs and outpatient families, primarily in Indiana, Kentucky, and Saint Louis. Ideal candidates for milk donors are non-smoking women in good general health. For clarification on eligibility, contact The Milk Bank at (317) 536-1670 or visit [themilkbank.org/donate-milk](https://themilkbank.org/donate-milk).

“Kentucky Blood Center is proud to partner with The Milk Bank to help support this incredible cause,” said Bill Reed, Kentucky Blood Center President and CEO. “We are excited to begin by opening Milk Depots at four of our locations and hope to expand the partnership in the months ahead.”

“The Milk Bank is thrilled to partner with Kentucky Blood Center. Their commitment to increasing the awareness of the life-saving benefits of human milk is essential to advancing public health,” said Freedom Kolb, Executive Director of The Milk Bank. “We are so proud to collaborate in the fight against infant mortality.”

KBC’s two Lexington and two Louisville locations will initially launch as Milk Depots on October 4. The two organizations hope to expand the partnership and establish drop locations in Somerset and Pikeville in the months ahead. KBC’s partnership with The Milk Bank **DOUBLES** the number of Milk Depot locations in the Lexington and Louisville Metro areas.

Locations launching on October 4:

#### Andover Donor Center

3130 Maple Leaf Drive, Lexington

#### Beaumont Donor Center

3121 Beaumont Centre Circle, Lexington

**Hillview Donor Center**

5406 Antle Drive, Louisville

**Middletown Donor Center**

12905 Shelbyville Road, Louisville

**About The Milk Bank**

The Milk Bank was established to improve health outcomes for premature and ill infants, foster better health for children and decrease health care expenditures. The Milk Bank receives human milk from carefully screened donors, pasteurizes, freezes, and distributes it throughout the United States. As a non-profit, community-supported entity, The Milk Bank is the first and only human milk bank in Indiana. The Milk Bank is a proud member of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America.

**About Kentucky Blood Center**

Celebrating more than 50 years of saving lives in Kentucky, KBC is the largest independent, full-service, nonprofit blood center in Kentucky. Licensed by the FDA, KBC's sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky. KBC provides services in 90 Kentucky counties and has donor centers in Lexington, Louisville, Pikeville and Somerset.